

## Minutes of the Public Works Committee on October 29, 2018.

### **Present**

B. Anderson  
D. German  
P. Vetro  
K. Fortunati  
J. Grant  
A. Giannattasio  
J. Golden

### **Also Present**

C. Saley, Public Works Director  
S. Johnson, Asst. Director  
L. Streit, Secretary

Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by Giannattasio to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. The motion carried with Fortunati abstaining.

### **Old Business**

- Chris reported that the costs to get rid of recycling material will cost \$41 per ton come January. This started at \$20, then \$25 and now will be \$41.
- Story Book Project – Vetro stated that it sounds like a fantastic project and was an impressive presentation. Both Chris and Steve had reservations of the location due to concerns with vandalism.

### **Director's Report**

- This past week flooding under the Old Gate Lane Bridge was very bad. Bay View had a lot of water; 2 catch basins got clogged. Steve reported that Thursday, Friday and Saturday were high tides, each at 7.24'. There was 30" of standing water. A drum of oil went into the Harbor. The complete parking lot at the Yacht Club was under water. Gulf Beach water went out to the street. Saturday and Sunday, the Public Works crew did an outstanding job. A pump from the Fire Department was used and it blew a head gasket; therefore one from Waste Water was brought in to Westland Avenue. Chris stated that he would like to have one for Public Works. There was a lot of work done in the beach area this weekend; sweeping, cleaning gutters and catch basins. German stated that a lot of houses are hooked up to the sewers and he asked if a letter could be sent out to residents that this isn't allowed. Chris suggested an article in the Milford Mirror. Giannattasio asked why the area at the Sundae House gets so flooded. Chris stated that is due to the tides and the wind; the tide stayed a while. It was discussed that the siren went off and the public needs to be educated regarding flooding.
- Chris asked the Alderman about drafting an Ordinance regarding residents throwing debris in the road; leaf blowing, grass, plants, etc.
- Milling and paving is being finished up. The Woodmont, Cedar Hurst and Forest Road area are is being done.
- Housatonic Avenue; an issue was resolved.
- The Dog Park is being worked on.
- The Gas Company is doing restoration work over on Willow Street.

- \$90,000 was received from the Water Company for work on Helwig Street.
- Ball Fields – Fowler Field, the wall was put in and the embankment was pushed back.

### Concerns

- Fortunati reported that “Green Halloween” is going well. Shop Rite, Stop and Shop and Adams are all participating. She asked if trees on the snow shelf, is the city responsible for these. Chris stated that it is. She stated that 167 Gulf Street has an issue. Chris stated that sidewalks are an issue in this area; residents don’t want sidewalks. Giannattasio asked when the Gulf Street Project will begin. Chris stated that they have been working on the Police Department with repairs and upgrades; gutters, the parking lot and roof.
- German asked about 15 Nicole Ave. Chris stated that he was unable to get to this; he will follow up with it.
- It was discussed that during bulk pick up with couches and heavy objects, if it rains they become even heavier and requesting they be covered it plastic was suggested. Vetro suggested residents calling Public Works in this situation similar to when appliances are put out for pick up. Chris stated that the land next to the Transfer Station is being purchased and then there will be a swap area there when that happens.
- Giannattasio asked about the guard rail on Burnt Plains Road. Steve stated that they are checking with the Police Department to see if this is a safety issue and if it has to be replaced. Giannattasio asked about the Bay View project. Steve stated that a pre-application was submitted in August and last month the full application was submitted. Drainage was discussed. The catch basins are tied together to the outfall and the last one was clogged. The project will create individual piping to the outfall so that hopefully they won’t clog all at one time. The work is to be done by June per the grant; and is anticipated to start in February.
- Vetro asked about the Marie Street stairs. Chris stated that this is a safety issue and he suggested a ramp. Vetro stated that that is a good idea for this area.
- A lot of complaints were received regarding sand at the beaches. Vetro stated that the Costa Azzura lost half of their parking lot due to this storm.
- Anderson asked about a tree on 57 Insbruck Street, it is on City land. 42 Cindy Circle has a problem tree. 251 Baxter Lane has a tree that the residents feel is hazardous with the power lines. Chris will follow up with these.

The next regular meeting will be on November 26, 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit